



Troop 78 Gazette



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Recent Trips:

December Holiday Trip -

Troop 78 returned to one of its favorite locations at Clear Lake Scout Camp for its annual Holiday Weekend. The highlight of the trip was the cooking. Chicken, ham, Duck baked in box ovens...Cornish hens, cakes, pies bakes in Dutch ovens...and everyone's favorite, a deep fried turkey. There was even a foil cooked salmon to top of the gourmet menu. Every patrol participated in the food preparation. In addition, Aleck Breton and Jon O'Neill led an orienteering event through the back woods of the Scout Camp. Mr. Rhonda helped Jon and Albert Ahlf run the campfire which was topped off by a grab bag gift exchange.

January Ski Trip to Belleayre -

The Troop combined its annual ski trip with the Council Ski Day at Belleayre Mountain. After a night in the Pine Hill Community Center, Scouts were on the slopes bright an early Saturday morning for a wonderful day of skiing. The weather was spectacular and once again, everyone had a great time. The weather became a little unsettled on Sunday for the Council Ski event, but everyone got a full day's skiing in (that's at least 5 hrs on the slopes by Mr. Calfa's watch) before it began to rain.

Humor (thanks to Boy's Life magazine):

A pirate and a sailor were exchanging stories. The sailor pointed to the pirate's peg leg and asked, "How did you get that?" The pirate said, "Aye, I wrestled a shark and lost me leg." The sailor pointed to the pirate's hook and asked, "How did you get that?" The pirate said: "Aye, I fought Red Beard's crew and lost me hand." The sailor pointed to the pirate's eye patch and asked, "How did you get that?" The pirate said, "Aye, a bird came by and left droppings in me eye." The sailor said, "That's not as impressive as the other two. ... " "Aye," the pirate answered. "It was me first day with the hook."

Recent Advancement:

December

William Collins - Tenderfoot
Tommy Doherty - Tenderfoot
Parker Stone - Tenderfoot
Ernest Vallebuona - Tenderfoot
Alex Poulin - Second Class
Brian Dorsey - Star

January

Patrick McGlaughlin - Life
Danny Ortiz - Life

News:

Kevin Wasserman is making good progress on his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. You have probably noticed that he is improving the appearance of the St. Anthony's Church basement where the Troop meets. He has fixed holes in the floor, painted the walls, restained the doors. He still needs help with the work that remains like replacing the ceiling tiles and covering the columns.

If you have any news you would like to add to the news letter, please tell the Troop Historian, Jonathan O'Neill. Next month maybe we'll add some photos from recent trips. That's all for this time. Stay tuned for next month's edition.